Free medicines to poor patients

61. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to supply free medicines for the poor in select districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much money will be involved and how it is proposed to generate the money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):(a) to (c) Medicines are supplied free of charge to all persons under some of the National Programmes including the Reproductive and Child Health Programme in select districts and the National Disease Control Programmes like Leprosy, T.B. etc. in all districts across the country. The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) launched in April, 2005 has as one of its specific objectives strengthening the supply and logistic management of the drugs at the State/District level to all citizens.

National Immunization Programme

62. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vaccinations/inoculations provided under the National Immunization Programme;

(b) whether there is any proposal to include more vaccinations under this Programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether vaccinations such as Hepatitis-B and Typhin are not included in this and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Under the Immunization Programme Government of India is providing vaccination to prevent six vaccine preventable diseases i.e. Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio and Measles. The vaccination schedule is as under: